



STAFF REPORT

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AGENDA ITEM: VI-A

Consideration of City of Central Point Hazard Mitigation Plan **Applicant:** City of Central Point.

STAFF SOURCE:

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Central Point is subject to a wide array of natural hazards. Although the occurrence and severity of hazards has been historically limited, the City has experienced winter storms, floods and an increasing incidence of wildfires. Hazard mitigation planning is important to understand the characteristics of potential hazards, risks to people, buildings, infrastructure and property and what actions can be taken to lessen exposure to the identified risks before a disaster events occurs.

The 2020 Central Point Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) updates the City's original NHMP approved in 2011. Periodic re-evaluation of the NHMP is conducted every 5-years in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook*. Regular updates to the NHMP are important to assure that the mitigation strategies account for changes in the community as growth occurs and new information is available about hazards and mitigation best practices. It also helps to assure that the mitigation strategies align with the Community vision, values and resource availability.

By keeping the NHMP updated every 5-years, the City of Central Point is eligible to receive non-emergency related disaster funding sources through FEMA, including the following Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance Programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Assists in implementing long-term hazard mitigation planning and projects following a Presidential major disaster declaration.
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program – Provides funds annually for flood hazard mitigation and planning.
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program – Provides funds annually for hazard mitigation planning and projects.
- HMGP Post Fire Grant – Assistance to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures after wildfire disasters.
- Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) – Supports states, local communities, tribes and territories undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks from disasters and natural hazards.

Access to these resources can be critical in leveraging limited resources to help protect people and property in Central Point. Additionally NHMP planning implementation helps the City keep flood insurance premiums lower community-wide through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS).

During this meeting, staff will review the updated mitigation plan and provide an overview of the natural hazards and the expected impacts to Central Point. Attached is a copy of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which includes an introduction to natural hazard risks, risk assessments and the hazard profiles for Central Point.

ISSUES:

The primary issue in considering the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify local policies and actions that can be implemented to reduce risk and future losses from hazards.

ACTION:

Consideration of the City of Central Point Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment “A” –City of Central Point Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan